HIV-infected Blood Donors

1599. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI BANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to slate:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared *ia* the "Indian Express" of 27 th JUNE, 1994, captioned "HIV-jnfeLied blood donors on rise";

(b) If so, how far the report that during the past five years infection with HIV in blcod donors has doubled is *in* conformity with Government's assessment; and

(c) what are the reasons for such an alarming rise in HIV infection, *prongst* blood donors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVER A): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The finding that Seropositivity among the blood donors is on the increase is in accordance with the assessment of the Government also. This increase, however, is marginal and not alarming.

Indian System of Medicines

1200. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the press report which appeared in «he 'Indian Express" *o*r 4th May, 1994 relating to the "integration of modern medicine with indigenous systems in the armed forces"; and

(b) whether Government would ;con-ifider ending the near monopoly of Allopathic system in our medical colleges and Hospitals and give due place to Ayurvedic, Unani and Siddha systems of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE *W* THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ABB FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SH*-VERA): (a) and (b) The present policy of the Government of India is to develop each system of medicine in accordance with its genius.

Envolvirjg a common curriculum for Nursing Examinations at National level

1201. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister cf HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to

(a) whether Governroenx are aware that there is an acute shortage of qualified nurses in the country;

(b) whether Government have developed a common curriculum for nursing examinations at national level;

(c) whether the nursing courses will include graduation in nursing imparting training to meet the requirements of operation theatres, intensive care units midwifery, etc.;

(d) whether Government will decide on the ratio of engaging nurring staff according to the number of beds in the hospitals; and

(e) if so, whether Government will make it mandatory for the private hospitals also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SDL^ VERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Nursing Council has prescribed the syllabus and scheme of examination for various Nursing Education Programmes which are being implemented by the State Nursing Council / Examination BoardAIni've:-sities.